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PRODUCTION OF POTATO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the main potato growing States;

(b) whether there has been a sharp decline in the production of potato in some States during 2004-05;

(c) if so, the name of the States where the production has declined; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) The main potato growing states are West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Punjab, Gujarat and Karnataka.

(b) to (d) Production estimates of potato does not show any sharp decline from previous year`s production. However, there is an increase in overall production from 244.69 lakh MT`s (2003-04) to 259.76 lakh MTs (2004-05).